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Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Request for Information – RFI3917**

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

*please supply the following information for the Forward Funding Award of £227 million for Northern Fringe East Cambridge:*

1. *Details of Forward Funding Grant Approval stages that took place*
2. *Voting record for grant approval*
3. *Details of any declared conflicts of interest, including but not limited to:*
  - a. *Approval authorities/related government departments*
  - b. *Applicant authorities such as Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, South Cambridgeshire District Council.*
  - c. *Grant beneficiaries such as Anglian Water Services Ltd*
  - d. *Other beneficiaries such as housing developers, contractors or consultants.*

**Response**

We can confirm that we do hold some information in scope of your request, however some of the information requested is not held by Homes England. For clarity, we have addressed each of your questions in turn.

**1. *Details of Forward Funding Grant Approval stages that took place***

The Approval stages that took place in relation to this funding were: Expression of Interest; Investment Panel; Housing Minister; HM Treasury.

**2. *Voting record for grant approval***

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

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To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Infrastructure Grants team who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

#### Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to advise that recording a 'voting record' is not part of the approval process. Infrastructure Grant schemes are approved by meeting thresholds and then ministerial sign off.

#### **3. Details of any declared conflicts of interest, including but not limited to:**

- a. Approval authorities/related government departments**
- b. Applicant authorities such as Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, South Cambridgeshire District Council.**
- c. Grant beneficiaries such as Anglian Water Services Ltd**
- d. Other beneficiaries such as housing developers, contractors or consultants.**

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Infrastructure Grants and Legal Governance teams who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

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#### Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that we hold no recorded conflicts of interests in relation to this funding.

#### **Right to Appeal**

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

**The Information Governance Team**  
For Homes England

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